CHAPTER 223 THE FLEDGELING DEMONS ASSEMBLE
SUZUKI IRUMA, 15 YEARS OLD,
RANK 5 [HE],
魔入りました!入間くん
西 修
HAS JUST BECOME...
I'm off!
A SECOND YEAR!
HIS DAYS AS A SECOND YEAR
HAVE JUST BEGUN,
BUT HE HAS ALREADY FOUND HIMSELF
RATHER BUSY...
sigh...
I ENDED UP TROUBLING KALEGO-SENSEI AGAIN...
AND I GOT THAT WEIRD STAT SHEET FROM THE APTITUDE TEST...
YOU CAN'T SAY ANOTHER WORD
ABOUT THIS.
WHY DID SHE...
BUT ONE THING'S FOR CERTAIN. HE CAN FEEL THE WINDS OF CHANGE
WHOOOOSH...
STARTING TO BLOW...
GOOD MORNING, IRUMA-SAMA!
SHINE
MORNING, IRUMA-CHI!!
GOOD MORNING, YOU TWO!
OH! WHAT'S WITH THE GRIN?
HE HE HE
I'M JUST HAPPY. THAT THINGS ARE THE SAME AS ALWAYS...
INDEED! THEY ARE THE SAME AS ALWAYS!!
WHICH PATH SHALL YE TAKE TODAY?
I SUGGEST PASSING THROUGH THE LECTURE HALL RATHER THAN THE MAIN GATE, SINCE IT WOULD BE QUIETER.
YEAH,
Whoo hoo!
YOU'RE RIII-
IGHT!?
STOMP STOMP STOMP
!?
OOOH!
WHAT'S UP, WHAT'S UP?
THAT'S A BIG CROWD...
THE FIRST-YEARS' RANKS JUST CAME OUT!!
DUN DUN!
WHOAAA!
THEY'VE ALREADY DONE THE FLYING RACE!
LOOKS THAT WAY...
HMM?
WHAT'S THAT FRAME FOR...?
IT SEEMS TO LIST THE HIGHEST-RANKING FIRST YEARS...
ALLOW ME TO ENLIGHTEN YOU!!
TWANG!
ZENITH OF ZENITHS
!?
WHAT YOU SEE THERE ARE THE NAMES OF THE 26 CHOSEN ONES!!
THE BRIGHTEST OF DEMONS, STANDING ATOP ALL THE FIRST-YEARS!!
!? !!
BUT, WELL,
NOT SO FAR ATOP AS TO OUTSHINE A SPLENDOROUS, DAZZLING FLOWER LIKE YOURSELF...
WH-WHA-!?
snatch!!
OH, DO FORGIVE ME.
I CAN'T HELP BUT ADMIRE SUCH A LOVELY FLOWER...
AH!!
IT'S ZEZE-KUN!!
ZEZE-KUUN!!
HE SCORED SECOND ON THE ENTRANCE EXAM!!
AND HE CAME IN FIRST PLACE IN THE NETHER-WORLD'S NEXT TOP BEAUTY CONTEST! HE WAS EVEN DEMON MAGAZINE'S HOTTEST DEMON OF THE YEAR!!
HE'S APPEARED ON THE COVERS OF COUNTLESS MAGAZINES EVEN AS A COMPLETE ROOKIE!!
HE'S THE POPULAR MODEVIL,
ZEZE!!
ZENITH OF ZENITHS
WANG!!
...I'VE BEEN THOROUGHLY PUT ON THE SPOT.
MY LOOKS AND ABILITIES ARE SIMPLY TOO EXTRA-ORDINARY!
MY AURA MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO GO UN-NOTICED.
ACTUALLY, I THINK IT'S YOUR FLASHY CLOTHES...
ZEZE-KUUUN
DRESSED ENTIRELY IN RED.
stare...
?
I DID NOT ASK.
MY NICKNAME COMES FROM ABBREVIATING ZENITH OF ZENITHS, AN OLD IDIOM MEANING OMNISCIENT AND OMNIPRESENT, OF COURSE, AND...
MAIDENS SIMPLY CAN'T BEAR TO KEEP OFF ME, WHICH IS JUST AN INEVITABLE-
STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP
MOVE.
CRACK!
CRACKLE...
G-GOOD MORNING, IRUMA-SENPAI...
WHOA...
Hello!
CHIMA-CHAN, SYLVIA-CHAN!
...YOU KNOW THEM,
IRUMA-SAMA?
He fell.
YUP!
A model fell.
THEY'RE KERORI-SAN AND SABNOCK-KUN'S SISTERS, AND...
GIVEN THAT YOU'RE ALL RANK 4 OR ABOVE, THE TEACHERS HAVE DECIDED
TO DEVISE A COMPLETELY NEW, SPECIAL TEST FOR YOU.
COMPLETE-LY NEW...!?
SHAK
AND IT'S CALLED...
"THE HEART-BREAKER."